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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 11, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, January 11, 2010 in the Sybil Brand Conference Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Reiko Duba
Vice President Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Treasurer Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Commissioner Ruth Jernigan
Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos
Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez
Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.
Commissioner Charlotte Lesser
Commissioner Jill Tanner

Introduction of audience followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2009

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the minutes of December 14, 2009 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duba reported the following:

- Extended deepest condolences to staff member Emma De Jesus and her family for the loss of her mother on December 24, 2009.
- Ex-Commissioner Peggy Freeman's husband suffered an accident while riding a horse. President Duba requested staff to send a get well card on behalf of the Commission.

MEMBERS

Reiko Duba
President

Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Vice President

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Treasurer

Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Norma L. Gallegos
Wadie M. Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Charlotte Lesser
Julie McCarthy Napoleon
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia G. Rodriguez
Jill Tanner
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

- The annual Domestic Violence Shelter Donation Presentation and luncheon was held December 14, 2009. Five shelters and service providers received \$500 donation. Fourth District Deputy Gail Tierney and Springsong Cooper from the First District attended the lunch presentation.
- A thank you letter from the **Women Shelter of Long Beach** was circulated to the Commission.
- On December 21, 2009, President Duba and staff member Rhonda Rangel met with Springsong Cooper from the First Supervisorial District to talk about the annual 5K Run. Supervisor Molina will be the Honorary Chair for this year's event. The 5K Run is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Dockweiler Beach, Play del Rey.
- A letter was received from Sachi A. Hamai, Board of Supervisors Executive Officer on December 23, 2009 stating that \$31,576.92 will be transferred to the Commission for Women Trust fund based on the current Fiscal Services reconciliation findings.

(Commissioner Michelle Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.)

- The Third District is due to host the annual community meeting in May. Therefore, it is necessary Commissioners meet with staff to discuss the details.
- Los Angeles County Commissions on Aging is being restructured and new committees, bylaws and ordinances are currently being created. They are expected to be in operation by July 2010. The new name will be Commission for Older Adults.

STAFF REPORT

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Service Staff, reported the following:

- The Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors is going **green**. In an effort of going green, the Executive Office is trying to reduce the amount of paper used in the office. Agendas and minutes will be distributed electronically. However, Commissioners who do not have e-mail access, a hard copy will be sent by mail.
- Recommended the Commission to consider alternate meeting locations since is increasingly difficult acquiring meeting rooms to hold Commission special events.
- Requested approval from the Commission to purchase name badges and name plates for newly appointed Commissioners. It was recommended to continue the item for February for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Becerra-Jones reported the following on the expendable allowance for the month of December 2009. The beginning balance was \$13,936.58; Monthly allocation-beginning balance was \$1,532.21; December flex spending balance was \$6,513.26. Treasure's Report filed with Commission Services.

APPROVAL OF 30 \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2009 GIRLS-AT-RISK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – COMMISSIONER BECERRA-JONES

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported a total of 30 scholarship recipients for 2009. The following is the breakdown: A total of twenty recipients were recommended by the Department of Children Family Services (DCFS), Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Boys and Girls Club, and Big Brother & Big Sister; Five nursing recipients were selected; and five recipients were selected and approved by Camp Scott without the committee's evaluation.

Following discussion, on motion of Vice President Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, the Commission approved the 30 \$1,000 scholarship for the 2009 Girls-at-Risk scholarship recipients.

UPDATE ON THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION – COMMISSIONER BECERRA-JONES

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the official date for the Scholarship Awards presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. followed by introductions, guest speakers and lunch.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S "GO RED CAMPAIGN" FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010 AT NO COST TO THE COMMISSION – HEALTH COMMITTEE

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, the Commission approved to support the American Heart Association's "Go Red Campaign" for the month of February 2010 at no cost to the Commission.

UPDATE ON THE WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON – COMMISSIONER WARD

Vice President Tanberg reported that the Committee met this morning and discussed the following:

- Purple and silver is the color selected for the floral centerpieces. Entertainment will be provided by Commissioner Tanner as the harpist before and during the event.

California State University of Northridge (CSUN) performance group was confirmed by Commissioner Ward.

- Awards Luncheon invitation was approved by the committee with the following suggestion: County logo, Commission logo, 25th Annual “Women of The Year” Awards Luncheon and statuette logo are to be embossed in silver.
- The Committee is waiting for the Second and Fourth Districts to name their awardees.
- The journal will include a page dedicated to the late Commissioner Mummey.
- A letter will be mailed out to past honorees and awardees with a \$50 luncheon ticket discount to encourage them to attend the awards luncheon.
- Michaela Pereira, KTLA Co-Anchor, confirmed as Mistress of Ceremonies. This year’s diamond sponsor is Kaiser Permanente.
- The Committee is waiting for Commissioner Creary to confirm the National Anthem singer.
- Staff will check the price of silver ribbons that will be placed below the name tag to recognize past Commissioners and awardees. Corsages with purple ribbon will be purchased for current Commissioners.
- The Commission discussed the presentation of a certificate of appreciation for Supervisor Knabe for his support to the Commission. President Duba suggested checking on the protocol. It was recommended to continue the item for February for further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS NEEDED

- **Communications** – Vice President Tanberg reported the committee is scheduled to meet today following the Commission meeting.
- **Legislation** – Commissioner Pinedo reported that a meeting will be scheduled at a future date. Commissioner Jernigan reported that Northrop Grumman headquarters will be moving to Washington D.C. in the month of February.
- **Domestic Violence** – Commissioner Rodriguez reported the committee is scheduled to meet January 15, 2010.
- **Education** – Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported the committee is scheduled to meet January 22, 2010.

- **Older Women's Issues** – Pat Wilson reported that she and Commissioner Becerra-Jones met with Sylvia Drew Ivie from the Second District. Commissioner Becerra-Jones stated that it was positive meeting. Staff member Rhonda Rangel stated that the committee needs to set up a meeting date to discuss the details of planning an Older Women's Conference.
- **Health** – Commissioner Lesser reported that a teleconference meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2010. She also mentioned that she will be attending the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2009. She will provide a report at the next Commission meeting.
- **Other** – None reported.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Geneviève Clavreul provided public comments and she also shared several articles with the Commission.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez stated that on December 17, 2009, she attended Supervisor Molina's 5th Annual First District Artist Showcase, featuring the work of students from Casa Cultural.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones stated that she attended a Christmas Annual event hosted by St. Margaret's Center. The Center is part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Charities program which serves individuals and families living at or below the poverty level.

January 3, 2010, Commissioner Creary attended Congresswoman Diane Watson's Mother's 100 Birthday celebration.

January 7, 2010, Commissioner Creary attended Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Community Input Meeting for reopening of Martin Luther King Hospital.

(Commissioner Creary's Community Outreach/Announcement is filed with Commission Services)

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

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Bobbi Jean Tanberg, Vice President
Yolanda Becerra-Jones, Treasurer
Charlotte Lesser
Veda Ward, Ph.D.
Olivia Rodriguez
Norma L. Gallegos
Michelle Pinedo
Ruth Jernigan
Jill Tanner

EXCUSED

Commissioner Ruth Creary, Ph.D.
Commissioner Wadie M. Gravely
Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon

UNEXCUSED

None

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Rhonda Rangel
Mireya Rivera
Emma De Jesus
Joseph Ramos

GUESTS

Springsong Cooper, First District
Geneviève Clavreul
Pat Wilson